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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: CUMBERLAND

Date: 06/28/10

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):

The Council met on March 19 and May 21, 2010.

The District H1N1 Debrief Session preceded the March Council meeting. The Council meeting served as the District Health Forum. In addition, the agenda included a discussion of the online health risk assessments, a membership confirmation vote, and a confirmation vote for the creation of a Public Health Preparedness Committee.

The May Council meeting was held at the Cumberland District Public Health Unit located at 1037 Forest Avenue, Portland. District Public Health Unit staff presented information on their roles in the District to the Council. In addition, the agenda included the planning and development of the District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP), committee updates, and proposed By-law amendments.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2010.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Membership Committee continues to assess the representativeness of DCC's membership, identify vacancies and make recommendations to ensure broad representation in both the membership and committees.

The Health Data Committee reviewed all of the MAPP assessments in preparation for Phase 4 of the MAPP process (Strategic Issues), as well as to understand the intersection between the MAPP process by the HMPs and the District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP).

An ad hoc DPHIP planning group (created at the May 21 DCC meeting) met on June 8 and will be bringing recommendations for the District PH Improvement Plan to the DCC Executive Committee on June 28.

The DCC, in collaboration with numerous District partners, sponsored its second unused medication collection on June 4 and 5, 2010. The medication collection expanded from a single site in Portland to three sites across the District (Portland, Gorham, and Bridgton). Over 400 individuals attended the event across two days. The collection received over 400 pounds of non-controlled and over-the-counter medications, nearly 20,000 controlled pills and patches, over four liters of controlled liquids, and nearly 500,000 mg of controlled creams and gels. The estimated street value of the controlled drugs exceeds \$300,000 dollars.

Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:

The LPHSA has been completed, still waiting for final report from Maine Center for Public Health. The LPHSA results were used by the DPHIP planning group in considering priority focus areas for the District Public Health Improvement Plan. The priorities identified are EPHS #3, 4, and 7.